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FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY

AT

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Men's $3 ox-blood Oxford ties cut to	$2.50
This is the latest shade in tan ties and is going to be the rage this summer	
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Sizes 8 1-2 to 2	
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Ladies' $1.25 house Wrappers cut to	90c
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These are the latest shades; all sizes	
Ladies' $1.75 dress Shoes cut to -	$1.25
Ladies' $3 tan button Shoes cut to	$2.50

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

It is not generally known, but to prevent cakes from burning, place a little bran at the bottom of the tins.

Rub the white spots made by wet or hot dishes on your polished tables with spirits of camphor. It will remove them.

If one wishes a little stiffness in the veil which is being washed, add a tiny bit of sugar to the rinsing water.

Then stretch the flimsy substance in a doorway, where it will have a free current of air as it dries.

To remove stains of long standing from marble mix one gill each of soap suds and oxgall and a half a gill of turpentine.

Then add as much fuller's earth as will make a paste and rub it on the stains.

Leave it on a few days and then wipe off. It may be necessary to repeat the operation.

Ugly marks caused by splits or cracked places in furniture are easily filled in with beeswax and the mark is never detected.

In fact, this is how furniture dealers cover such blemishes.

First, slightly soften the beeswax until it is like putty, then press firmly into the cracks and smooth evenly with a thin knife.

Sandpaper over the surrounding wood and work the dust into the beeswax. This gives a wood finish, or color, and when the furniture is varnished you will look in vain for the blemishes.

It is better than putty, since putty soon dries, crumbles and falls out, while beeswax will remain forever just where it is placed.

Fine woolen undergarments should be darned with loosely twisted knitting silk. If wool is used, it will shrink and pull out a still larger hole.

It is a good scheme to keep the children's overshoes together with clothes pins.

The ribs of a discarded umbrella may be utilized for tying up chrysanthemums of other tall and willowy plants in pots.

Nutmegs should always be grated starting from the blossom end. They grate better that way.

When vegetables with roots become soft and withered, slice off one end and lay in water for a few hours.

When you make griddle cakes, beat the egg and milk together with egg beater. They will almost melt in your mouth.

Have sink free from crumbs and pour boiling water from a tea kettle round the sides and bottom. Wipe with silk cloth. Wash dish cloth and towels in cold water. Soap well and leave for a while. Rinse in cold water. Looks as well as though they went through the washer.

Keep a flat file in your kitchen drawer. It is the best thing in the world to sharpen bread, meat and chopping knives.

To clean hair brushes rub the brush with flour; when quite clean remove all traces of flour with a dry towel. This method preserves the varnish on the wood and prevents the bristles from becoming soft.

The careful daily manicuring of the nails and the pinching of the finger tips softly after washing, will tend to keep the fingers tapering and to prevent the square stubby look so often noticed in badly kept hands.

Any cellar may be improved by a plastered floor. Take clean, coarse gravel and half the quantity of water lime cement and mix so that it will spread easily. Make the surface as even as possible, then apply the plaster about three-quarters of an inch thick and allow to dry slowly.

Not every person knows that if a pinch of baking soda be added to a rhubarb pie or pudding it not only improves the flavor but also economizes the sugar. The soda as soon as the rhubarb commences to cook, mixes with the acid, and the two start to effervesce. Most of the acid is then counteracted, and so less sugar is required.

Vinegar and linseed oil form an excellent reviver for leather cushions and upholstered furniture which have become dull with wear. One part of vinegar to two of linseed oil is the correct proportion, the two ingredients being poured into a bottle, and the latter shaken until the polish is of the consistency of cream.

When you have occasion to use plaster of paris wet it with vinegar instead of water; then it will be like putty and can be smoothed better, as it will not "set" for half an hour, while plaster wet with water hardens at once.

Carrots should be cut in slices instead of cubes, because the outside part, which is the darkest, is the richest. If cut in slices it is more equally distributed.

To keep starch from sticking use flatirons that are perfectly clean, and when making the starch add a piece of borax and stir with a tallow candle.

Warm water should be used with yeast, while with cream of tartar and soda only cold water should be used.

Into a thick solution of gum arabic and until the mixure is of the consistency of cream; apply with a brush to the broken edges of china and join together. In three days the article cannot be broken in the same place. The whiteness of the cement add to its value. This has been thoroughly tested.

To mend broad cloth or any cloth that has been cut or torn, use a long hair from the head. If nicely darned and pressed the mending cannot be detected.

Sofa Pillow Filling.—Get ten cents' worth of cotton batting. Cut into little squares and put into a large baking pan set the pan in a hot oven for twenty-five or thirty minutes (taking care not to scorch). Each little square will be as light and fluffy as a feather. They make an excellent filling for pillows, which will be as soft as down.

We now have stored in our warehouses, Middletown and Bear, Del., FERTILIZERS for all Spring crops by bag or ton. Also car of choice SEED OATS. Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE AT WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

Several Changes Were Made Just Before the List Was Announced

V. S. COLLINS COMES TO MIDDLETOWN

MILFORD, DEL., March 22d.—The forty-first annual session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference was brought to a close shortly after noon to-day, and a majority of the ministers and delegations of laymen left this town for their homes this afternoon.

The closing session was attended by an audience which filled every seat in the church, and they were keyed to the highest pitch over the appointments, due to the many rumors which had been in circulation during the week, and to the presence and activities of the many delegations of laymen who were booming the interests of certain ministers, or trying to prevent the appointment of others to the churches of which the delegates were members. And there were some surprises to repay them for their attendance and attention during the reading of many voluminous reports of routine character, which held little of interest or enlightenment for anyone but the ministers.

The devotional exercises with which the session was opened were conducted by the Rev. T. B. Hunter, and half an hour later the conference got down to business.

The Revs. S. M. Morgan, L. E. Poole, L. E. Barrett, G. P. Jone , T. E. Martindale, A. S. Mowbray and C. A. Hill, and Laymen Frank M. Jones, Thomas N. Rawlins, Walter O. Hoffecker, H. F. Smith, W. J. Downing, Robley D. Jones, W. F. Drummond and Samuel H. Baynard were elected as members of the conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

On the ground that, being under private ownership, the conference had no control over the policy of the "Peninsula Methodist," the endorsement of the conference was withdrawn from that paper which has heretofore been the official organ of the conference. The remainder of the morning was devoted almost entirely to hearing reports of committees. At 12.15 o'clock the Bishop began reading the appointments, and after he had finished, conference, after brief devotional exercises, received the benediction from the Bishop, and the session was ended.

The complete list of appointments is as follows:

Wilmington District

Superintendent—A. S. Mowbray.
Bethel and Summitt—J. M. Lindale.
Charlestown—J. T. Price.
Cherry Hill, Md.—J. R. Bicking.
Chesapeake City—Edwin Gardner.
Chester Bethel—J. D. Reese.
Christiana, Del.—John Thornton.
Claymont, Del.—Harry Reed.
Colora, Md.—W. H. Briggs.
Delaware City, Del.—Harry G. Stewart.
Ebenezer—I. S. Whittaker.
Elk Neck—B. F. Jester.
Elkton, Md.—H. A. G. Westerfield.
Hockessin, Del.—J. T. Prouse.
Hopewell, Md.—J. H. Gray.
Kirkwood—H. H. Prouse.
Marshallton, Del.—B. H. Adams.
Mt. Lebanon, Del.—E. G. Gilleepie.
Mt. Pleasant—Harry Taylor.
Newark, Del.—G. T. Alderson.
New Castle, Del.—F. X. Moore.
Newport, Del.—W. W. Sharpe.
North East, Md.—Warren Burr.
Perryville, Md.—E. C. Sunfield.
Port Deposit, Md.—F. F. Carpenter.
Port Penn, Del.—To be supplied.
Red Lion, Del.—E. G. Taylor.
Rising Sun, Md.—J. W. Jones.
Stanton, Del.—Robert Roe.
St. Georges, Del.—W. T. Lewis.
St. John's, Md.—J. G. Fosnocht.
Zion, Md.—J. H. Mitchell.

Wilmington

Asbury—Z. H. Webster and J. H. S. Van Blunk.
Brandywine—H. C. Turner.
Cookman—V. P. Northrup.
East Lake—J. A. Brewington.
Elsmere—W. M. McCann.
Epworth—G. C. Williams.
Grace—H. W. Kellogg.
Harrison street—C. T. Wyatt.
Kingswood—D. H. Willis.
McCabe Memorial—W. C. Poole.
Madeley—G. R. Neese.
Mt. Salem—W. L. White.
Richardson Park—T. H. Harding.
St. Paul's—C. A. Hill.
Scott—W. G. Koons.
Silverbrook—W. E. Greenfield.
Trinity—John White.
Union—W. F. Corkran.
Wesley—T. R. Van Dyke.
Peninsula District Superintendent Anti-Saloon League—J. M. Arters.
Western Maryland Superintendent Anti Saloon League—C. P. Keen.
J. K. Easley left without appointment to attend school.

Dover District

Superintendent—S. M. Morgan.
Armory and Asbury—J. A. Buckson.
Beckwith, Md.—L. Jackson.
Epworth, Md.—Melvin Wheatley.
Bridgeville, Del.—J. W. Colony.
Burrsville, Md.—Thomas Sard.
Cambridge, Md.—R. T. Coursey.
Camden, Del.—W. F. Dawson.
Canterbury, Del.—J. T. Polk.
Church Creek, Md.—W. E. Truitt.
Concord, Md.—L. B. Morgan.
Crapo, Md.—J. W. Prettyman.
Denton, Md.—E. P. Roberts.
Dover, Del.—E. L. Hoffecker.
East New Market, Md.—J. L. Johnson.
Ellendale, Del.—J. C. Hopkins.
Elliott's Island, Md.—W. V. Harris.
Farmington, Del.—J. F. Anderson.
Federalsburg, Md.—G. W. Bounds.
Felton, Del.—L. W. Layfield.
Frederica, Del.—E. H. Dashiell.
Galestown, Md.—J. A. Hudson.
Georgetown, Del.—L. E. Poole.
Georgetown Circuit—G. S. Thomas.
Greenwood, Del.—C. W. Strickland.
Harrington, Del.—R. H. Adams.
Hooper's Island, Md.—J. S. Bozman.
Houston, Del.—J. H. Geoghegan.
Hurlock, Md.—M. D. Nutter.
Lakesville, Md.—George T. Allen.
Leipsic, Del.—T. S. Barrett.
Lewes, Del.—W. R. Mowbray.
Lincoln, Del.—F. J. Cochran.
Little Creek, Del.—C. W. Spry.
Magnolia, Del.—H. B. Kelso.
Milford, Del.—H. T. Quigg.
Milton, Del.—A. C. McGilton.
Nassau, Del.—W. H. Hudson.
Preston, Md.—C. V. Jones.
Rehoboth, Del.—C. R. Ellis.
Salem, Md.—Thomas Pardee.
Seaford, Del.—W. O. Hurst.
Seaford Circuit—D. L. Hardesty.
Taylor's Island, Md.—D. B. Prettyman.
Vienna, Md.—W. B. Guthrie.
Williamsburg, Md.—J. W. Sutton.
Wyoming, Del.—D. F. McFaull.
Zoar, Del.—J. S. Derrickson.
Agent, Steward's Endowment Fund, T. H. Rawlins.
Conference Temperance Evangelist, Alfred Smith.

Easton District

Superintendent—R. K. Stephenson.
Bayside, Md.—O. B. Rice.
Bozman and Neavitt, Md.—Wilmer Jaggard.
Cecilton, Md.—O. E. Jones.
Centreville, Md.—W. A. Wise.
Chestertown, Md.—L. E. Barrett.
Cheswold—Milton McCann.
Church Hill, Md.—E. H. Derrickson.
Clayton, Del.—G. P. Smith.
Cordova, Md.—J. L. Sparklin.
Crumpton, Md.—Daniel Wilson.
Easton, Md.—T. E. Terry.
Fairlee, Md.—Leonard White.
Galena, Md.—J. W. Mitchell and A. P. Prettyman.
Galt, Md.—C. K. Lewis.
Greensboro, Md.—J. P. Otis.
Henderson, Md.—Ivanhoe Willis.
Hillsboro, Md.—L. P. Corkran.
Kent Island, Md.—J. P. Outten.
Kenton, Md.—E. W. Jones.
Marydel, Md.—L. R. Janney.
Middletown, Del.—V. S. Collins and J. A. Arters.
Millington, Md.—C. W. Moore.
Odessa, Del.—B. J. Givan.
Oxford, Md.—E. E. White.
Piney Neck, Md.—T. L. Frymine.
Pomona, Md.—Tilghman Smith.
Queenstown, Md.—B. L. McFarland.
Ridgely, Md.—W. E. Halbert.
Rock Hall, Md.—J. T. Richardson.
Royal Oak, Md.—E. E. Prettyman.
St. Michael's, Md.—C. S. Baker.
Smyrna, Del.—Robert Watt.
Smyrna Circuit—W. E. Matthews.
Still Pond and Betterton—J. H. Beauchamp.
Sudlersville, Md.—W. O. Bennett.
Tilghman's Island—J. C. McCoy.
Townsend, Del.—F. C. MacSorley.
Trappe, Md.—J. M. Kelso.
Wye, Md.—H. C. Shipley.

Salisbury District

Superintendent—George P. Jones.
Annamessex, Md.—W. F. Atkinson.
Asbury, Md.—T. A. H. O'Brien.
Berlin, Md.—T. F. Beauchamp.
Bethel, Del.—F. H. Faulkner.
Bishopville, Md.—E. W. McDowell.
Cape Charles, Va.—Asbury Burke.
Chincoteague, Va.—G. W. Stalling.
Claremont, Va.—E. C. Holmes.
Crisfield, Md.—H. G. Budd.
Deal's Island, Md.—G. W. Dawson.
Delmar, Del.—S. N. Pilchard.
Fairmount, Md.—E. H. Collins.
Frankford, Del.—A. W. Goodhand.
Fruitland, Md.—W. H. T. Williams.
Girdletree, Md.—W. H. Kenney.
Gumboro, Del.—C. T. Jones.
Hebron, Md.—C. H. Williams.
Holland's Island, Md.—W. M. Conaway.
Laurel, Del.—E. E. Macnichol.
Mardella Springs, Md.—I. J. Bunting.
Marion, Md.—W. G. Harris.
Millsboro, Del.—J. H. Gardner.
Millville, Del.—O. T. Baynard.
Mt. Pleasant, Del.—J. H. Wilson.
Mt. Vernon, Md.—Howard Davis.
Nanticoke, Md.—G. W. Hastings.
Newark, Md.—J. W. Gray.
Ocean View, Del.—L. P. McLain.
Onancock, Va.—G. E. Wood and J. F. Ayre.
Parsonsburg, Md.—V. E. Hills.
Phoebus, Va.—E. H. Marshall.
Pocomoke City, Md.—W. L. S. Murray.
Pocomoke Circuit—J. P. Conway.
Powellville, Md.—D. L. Ford.
Princess Anne, Md.—W. E. Gunby.
Quantico, Md.—W. H. Revelle.
Roxanna, Del.—O. E. James.
St. Peter's, Md.—T. C. Smoot.
Salisbury, Md.—T. E. Martindale.
Salisbury Circuit—J. W. Hardesty.
Selbyville, Del.—R. H. Lewis.
Tangier Island, Va.—J. R. Cannon.
Westover, Md.—M. W. White.
Whitesville, Md.—J. W. Fogle.
Smith's Island—W. P. Taylor.
Snow Hill, Md.—C. W. Prettyman.
Somerset, Md.—T. H. Jones.
Stockton, Md.—G. W. Townsend.

DON'T FORGET

To give pure cold water to the baby two or three times a day.

To prevent sore mouth by rinsing with a little cold water and borax.

To shade the baby's eyes from strong light, especially full sunlight.

To apply hot cloths to the feet and stomach for colic instead of dosing with peppermint.

To encourage a child to stretch its limbs and crawl about to promote circulation.

To rub the baby all over night and morning with the hand—a sort of massage to strengthen the muscles.

To avoid violent noises and rough shakings and teasings for the infant, as this treatment will surely develop nervousness.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 20th, 1909.

The new tariff measure which takes its name, the Payne Bill, from Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee, taken as a whole, makes provision for a material reduction of the duties imposed by the Dingley law, and experts predict that it will at the same time produce an important increase of revenue. It is estimated, by the framers of the bill, that its revenue producing power will be $335.000 from imports, and $275,000,000 from internal revenue, making an increase in the government's annual revenue of $10,000,000.

The provision for a graduated inheritance tax, similar to that of New York, is the most striking innovation and the system of maximum and minimum duties whereby the principle of reciprocity is to be carried out practically automatically, is another innovation. To make up the needed revenues, among other provisions, luxuries have been transferred to the dutiable list, such as perfumes and highly perfumed soaps, and a long list of spices have been taken from the free list and put upon the dutiable schedules.

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It is expected that general debate on the Payne bill will begin in the House on Tuesday next, as the minority members of the committee on ways and means have been given until that day to file their reports, and the present indications are that party lines will be eliminated during the consideration of the bill. Each member of the House will look after the interests of his own district during the fight, with but few exceptions.

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Secretary McVeagh of the Treasury Department expressed satisfaction with the general features of the new tariff bill. From the viewpoint of the Treasury Department the maximum and minimum feature of the bill is one of its most important provision, giving the government a weapon by which it is in a position to retaliate for any discrimination sought to be practiced by a foreign government, and it is considered that in this way the interests of American exporters will be conserved and promoted.

Another feature of the bill commended by the Treasury officials is the paragraph providing an improved way of establishing "market value" for imports. The new bill provides that in the absence of a home market in the country of origin, the market value of such imports is to be determined by working backward from the selling price in the United States. Under this plan a certain percentage will be allowed for profit on the goods and to this will be added freight, cartage, and other charges. Under the method now in force, the so-called German agreement, the market value of imports from that country, of goods which have no sale there, is determined by taking an average of the export price of such goods sold to all other countries.

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Senator Aldrich, Chairman of the committee on Finance, intends to push the consideration of the tariff bill in the Senate committee with all possible dispatch and it is expected that, beginning with Friday, the committee will be in continuous session. In this way the delay incidental to the usual method of committee consideration will be avoided. The Senate leaders will engage their own experts in tabulating information and preparing comparative tables so that all senators may have abundant data bearing upon every schedule.

The Central American situation, in all its phases, was discussed with Secretary Knox by the State Department on Thursday of this week, the regular diplomatic day. From advices received at the State Department, military activities in Nicaragua still continue, and she is blamed with being the cause and the sole cause of the unsettled conditions in Central America.

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Official announcement is made that the 600 foot tower, which the government proposes to construct for wireless telegraph purposes, will be erected at either Annapolis or in the District of Columbia. It will be capable of sending messages three thousand miles and of receiving them from a distance of a thousand miles. It is expected that bids for the concrete work will soon be in the hands of the Navy Department officials, and it is hoped to have the tower started in about a month. It will require three and four months to erect it.

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The Commissioner of Pensions, Col. Vespasian Warner, is the recipent of an unusual tribute. President Taft is to be presented with a petition asking the retention of Col. Warner and signed by nearly every member of Congress, regardless of political affiliation, in recognition of the able way in which he has administered the affairs of his office.

Salt by the Bessemer Process

It seems a far cry between the manufacture of salt and the manufacture of steel, yet, says Popular Mechanics, by a new method, the Bessemer process is now being used for the former as well as the latter. Dirty rock salt is discharged into special furnaces and quickly converted into a molten condition.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

The belief is held by some that wolf teeth and bad eyes are practically the same, but it has been proved that there is no connection whatever between the two. The blindness which is noticed with some colts having wolf teeth is what is known as "moon-blindedness," and is incurable and inherited by the offspring. It can be prevented only by not breeding mares that are afflicted with it.

It is said that the farmers of this country last year lost $800,000,000 from injurious insects.

Locust trees should be given shallow cultivation next to the trees. Cutting and barking the roots causes sprouting. Some prefer to plant the trees in rows 10 feet apart and five feet apart in the row. Two rows of cow peas, corn or potatoes can be planted the first two or three years; after that the ground may be sown to clover and pastured to calves or hogs. Full-grown stock might damage the trees.

Walnut trees begin to bear at about eight years. Black walnut timber is of little value for posts, but is valuable for other purposes. Black walnuts and locusts have been known to grow sprouts from the stumps six to eight feet high in one summer.

It is said that the potatoes grown in Germany and Ireland are so inferior in quality to those grown in the United States, that there need be no fear of foreign competition in that line.

An extensive Michigan peach grower told the New York State Orchardists at their annual meeting that in every case trees that have been rooted out for little peach or the yellows could safely be reset with new trees by a careful treatment of the tree hole after all trace is gone. The hole should be allowed to freeze through the winter, the new tree set in the spring and tobacco dust, fertilizer and humus used to fill the hole during the winter. If the peach trees are not growing he advised giving them nitrogen with clover or hairy vetch, the latter being preferable. Wood ashes are desirable if obtainable cheap and good. Above all, he said, grow a peach that the buyer wants and that can be placed on the market in good shape.

It is reported that Pennsylvania farmers are being annoyed by bogus inspectors of cattle, which should be stopped. Some of the real inspectors from the city are bad enough.

A Swedish bee keeper, who recently visited this country, brought with him his summer's make of honey, amounting to 30,000 pounds, for which he received $4500. There is money in honey for the man who knows how.

It is reported that large stock yards, rivaling in capacity those of the West, are to be constructed on the Hackensack meadows, in New Jersey. In connection with the yards there will be modern slaughter houses, designed to supply cheaper and fresher meat for Greater New York and vicinity, as well as to compete with the world's trade. The organization, it is said, has been capitalized for $10,000,000. Fifteen hundred acres will be used.

A broiler chicken will shrink as much as a half-pound after being dressed. Live broilers should be shipped at 3 to 4 pounds per pair, and dressed not under 2½ pounds per pair.

The gasoline engine requires about one pint of gasoline for each horsepower per hour, or one gallon for each horsepower for eight hours' running. Thus a two-horsepower engine will use about two gallons in eight hours. Figuring gasoline at 15 cents per gallon, this engine could be run eight hours for 30 cents' worth of gasoline.

Fat poultry—but not hog fat—is pretty sure to always bring a good price. On the other hand, it hardly pays to ship poor, scrawny stock. If shipped together in one for the scrawny ones will cause the good ones to be cut down in price. It is profitable to sort and ship in separate lots.

The market weights for roasting fowls varies from 2½ to 3 pounds, according to the season. Small bone, short legs and well-rounded form are good points desirable. The early roaster markets call for light-weight birds, the weight gradually increasing until late fall and early winter.

Cows are used to eating with their heads low, so it is a mistake to have the manger high. Some dairymen have them on a level with the floor.

Extra dry shelter and bedding should be provided for sows that will farrow in the spring. Pigs can stand considerable cold so long as they are kept dry.

Killing Weeds With Salt Water

The use of salt water for killing of weeds along its right of way has been successfully resorted to last summer and will be more extensively done during the approaching season by the Oregon Short Line Railroad. Water for the purpose is taken directly from Great Salt Lake, which is approximately 22 per cent. salt and is merely pumped into tank cars and hauled over the line. The cost of sprinkling 304 miles of track on the Utah division of the system is reported to have been $2.66 per mile, about 2660 gallons being used in the first sprinkling and 1800 gallons in the second.

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The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
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Royal Baking Powder conveys to food the most delightful of fruit properties and renders it superior in flavor

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KIDNAPPERS CAPTURED

Willie Whitla, the seven year old boy who was kidnapped on Thursday from Sharon, Pa., was restored to his father Monday night at a hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, after the sum of $10,000 had been paid to a woman whom Mr. Whitla met by appointment at a candy store in that city early in the evening, following instructions in a letter received from the abductors of the child?

But the speedy capture of the kidnappers of the boy is a subject for general congratulation. Failure to entrap the abductors before they could make off with their booty would have been quickly followed by an epidemic of kidnapping all over the country.

To make the object lesson more impressive the principals in this outrage, arrested at Cleveland, should be railroaded to the penitentiary. The wheels of justice turn rapidly upon occasion, and the time is opportune to accelerate them. The maximum penalty for kidnapping in Pennsylvania is life imprisonment. No lesser punishment will serve the public interest in dealing with the boy's captors The sooner it shall be meted out the greater will be the feeling of security in every home.

HANGING FIRE

It was stated several days ago in the newspapers, that the official ceemical examination of the contents of the stomach of John Henry, the man supposed to have been poisoned, showed the presence of no poison. Both the *News* and the *Every Evening* stated explicitly that Coroner Gaynor had been so notified by the officials making such analysis, and yet Brown is held in confinement though arrested only on suspicion. It strikes us as an unwarranted proceeding to delay calling the coroner's jury together and securing such a verdict from them, as, under such a finding by the chemist's examination, would seem to be the only possible one, under the circumstances, viz, the innocence of the accused man and his speedy release thereafter.

THE ASSEMBLY

Rush of Bills Which Cannot be Sifted Intelligently Until List is Made

The Legislature began the winding up week Monday with a rush.

Among the House bills reported favorably in the House were the following of special importance:

Establishing a department of game and fish; permitting registered physicians to secure licenses as druggists without making the Board Pharmacy's examination.

The House killed the House bill permitting telegraph and telephone companies to condemn for rights of way along public roads.

The House bill to incorporate Hillcrest was defeated.

Despite the Senate's action in killing the New Castle hundred Election District bill, the House passed Representative Pharo's bill to create a new election district in St George's hundred.

The Senate killed the House bills taxing dogs; allowing tax collectors $200 each for collecting delinquent taxes from 1905 to 1908, and the bill providing for a State and county auditing commission.

The Senate passed the following bills:

House bills reincorporating Frederica; providing for State Board of Forestry; providing for State supervision over State banks, trust companies and Loan associations.

The House passed the following House bills: Requiring distillers to apply to the court for license; making it unnecessary for registration officers to bond; providing for road improvements, partly at the expense of abutting property.

The House passed a joint resolution providing for a legislative commission to settle with former Attorney General Richards for his work, and that of his predecessor, in connection with the boundary suit against New Jersey, having a balance to return to the State out of an appropriation of $10,000 made four years ago.

The Senate passed the Senate bill providing for supervisors for public institutions in Kent and Sussex counties; House bill amending the Child Labor law; Senate bill providing for water works for Delmar; House bill requiring traction engines to have spark protectors.

After a fight, the House passed the Senate bill incorporating the Delaware Real Estate and Security Co. The fight was over amendments. The bill was finally amended so as to confine the office of the company to Milton. An unsuccessful efforts was made to give the company authority to establish an office anywhere.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th, 1909, at 12.30 o'clock, P. M.—Public Sale of speed, draft and work horses, by Garton & Hemmes, at their stables in Townsend, Del. W. HARMON REYNOLDS, Auctioneer.

THE TR...

FASHIONS

BEAUTIFUL

ANNUAL

SPRING AND SUMMER

OPENING OF

MILLINERY

Suits and Dresses

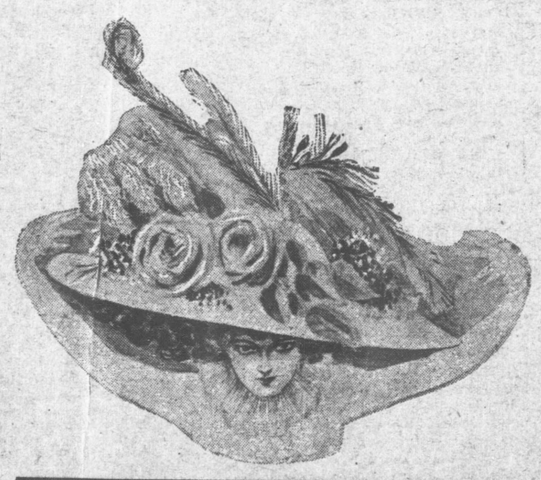
On TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

MARCH 30th and 31st

WE HAVE PREPARED this season a display that unquestionably will be the grandest and most exquisite collection of Trimmed Hats ever shown in this town. You will find here a superb and brilliant display of exact copies of some of the great master milliners of Paris, as well as from New York. There are hats of every size, shape, color and effect. Hats for every possible occasion. You will see here hats such as you would find elsewhere marked from $25 to $35 and more, offered at our low price of $5, $7.50 and $10. Hats that you would have to pay elsewhere $5, $7.50 and $10; you can buy here for $1.50, $2.50 and $3.50.

The great success and the increase of patrons that we have made during the last three years in our millinery department has proven to us that the people of this community are realizing that we have fulfilled all of our promises in giving them an up-to-date hat of the best material at almost half of the price they would have to pay elsewhere. The reason we can do this is because we buy all our goods direct from the manufacturers and we don't have to make all our year's expenses in six months, because we handle a large stock of other merchandise, including Ladies' and Misses' Suits, Skirts, Waists, Corsets, Muslin Underwear, and anything for the baby in the cradle to the school girl, and that means we can give you more for your money than any milliner in this vicinity.

SPRING AND SUMMER MILLINERY



We will have a few Imported Models as usual:

Large black Milan hat by Camile Rogers; white Legborn, Carline Reloux; large Net Milan by Marie Crozet; large turned up brim, natural Chip by Maison Virot; large black Milan by Eugenie Pariset; made hat of steel satin-finish braid by Madam Lewis.

CHILDREN'S WASH DRESSES

For big and little tots. We have just received some more sample dresses, there are about 50 different styles in the lot; sizes from 2 years to 14, in all kinds of materials, percal, chambray, gingham, in stripes or checks, plain or colors, high or low neck, piped with plain colors and trimmed with pearl buttons. **Prices from 50c to $2.98.** Values from $1.00 to $5.00.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

For Ladies', Misses' and Children. Our stock is now complete with a full line of Muslin Underwear, which we have bought way below market value, petticoats, night gowns, drawers, chimese, corset covers. Every piece of our muslin underwear was made to our order and we guarantee them to be well made.

MISCELLANEOUS

We have also just received a new stock of hair goods, all the latest neckwear, combs, ribbons, belts, hosiery, jewelry, children's caps, bed spreads, couch covers, sheets, pillow cases.

SPRING SUITS

For Ladies' and Misses' in all the latest styles and shades. Dressy and practical Suits, quite a range of the best up-to-date styles, shown in herringbone serge, imported Panama and fancy worsted, in plain and stripes in light and dark spring shades, the new plain gored skirts. **Prices $10, $12, $15, $18.** Values $13.50, $16, $18, $25.

Silk and Wash Dresses

In Women's and Misses' sizes. The new Princess Jumper, also the whole dresses, in all the new shades in silks and wash materials, percal, fancy gingham, imported gingham, also the new border effect goods, in tailor-made and some trimmed in laces and embroideries. These goods are all samples and you can buy them now at almost one-half the value. **Prices $1.98 to $18.**

Ladies' and Misses' Skirts

In Panama, mohair, serge, Voile and mixed goods. All the new styles and shades. **Prices from $1.98 to $6.00.**

Ladies' and Misses' WAISTS

During our Opening Week we will have a special sale of Waists, including any style you want in lawns, batiste, net, silk, madras. You certainly will need some new waists this spring, soyou cannot afford to miss this sale. You can buy Waists at almost one-half price, most of these goods are samples and some our regular stock, which we have reduced. **Sale price 39c to $4.00.** Value 75c to $7.00.

W. B. CORSETS

A woman that wants to be well dressed considers the Corset the most important article of dress. The W. B. Corsets are known all over the world to be the only Corsets that are sold more than any other, because they are perfect fitting, comfortable and come in models varied enough to suit every type of figure. Every one will give entire satisfaction as long as it is worn. The new spring models give the slender lines that fashion requires better than any other corset, and there is no sacrifice of comfort in acquiring this effect. There is a corset model for every figure. **Prices from 50c to $3.00.**

A. FOGEL

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m

For Odessa—7.5.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 27, 1909

Local News

Choice Seed Oats for sale at
EVANS' FEED STORE.

Store room for rent—Brockson's old stand. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

FOR SALE—A large fire-proof safe. Apply to MRS. G. W. W. NAUDAIN.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

WANTED.—A young lady to learn the millinery trade. Apply to
Miss SPURGEON.

On our opening days, March 30th and 31st, each lady will receive as a souvenir, a beauty book. A. FOGEL.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church cleared about twelve dollars from their Bake held last Saturday.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

Miss Spurgeon, successor to Mrs. Lockwood, would be pleased to see all of Mrs. Lockwood's former patrons at her new stand, corner of Main and Cass streets.

Send your items and personal notices into the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

FOR SALE—One slightly used top buggy, with extra one inch rubber tire wheels, will sell for $75 cash. Used only two months. Ask S. BURSTAN,
Cor. Broad and Main streets.

FOR RENT.—Nine room house, large garden and stable, in Odessa, Del., possession March 25th. Apply to
D. W. STEVENS,
Middletown, Del.

We now have stored in our warehouses, Middletown and Bear, Del., FERTILIZERS for all Spring crops by bag or ton. Also car of choice SEED OATS. Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Farmers throughout this section have banded together and are declining to enter into any contract with the canneries to deliver for any less contract price than $9 a ton. The offer of $7 has been repeatedly turned down.

We just received a beautiful assortment of all the latest neckwear, also some very pretty duck collars, about 15 different styles at 10 and 25 cents, you will pay for them elsewhere 25 and 50 cents.
A. FOGEL.

While at work in his stable at Townsend, Tuesday, William Bratton, 45 years old, was kicked by a horse. He was so badly injured that he was hurried to the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, but died within a short time after he was admitted.

NOTICE—We will sell two car loads of farming implements fresh from the factory consisting of two-horse cultivators, harrows and plows, the Gallaway and New Idea manure spreaders. Sale to be held at our salesrooms, Middletown, Del., on Saturday, April 10, at one o'clock, P. M. See hand bills. ALGIRE & WILSON.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 18th: Mrs. Florence Heamery, Mrs. Bessie Pinner, Themas Carter, Mr. John H. Forrest, Mr. C. Green, Mr. James McTorley, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. Clarence Stewart, Mr. Van Camp.

The eighty-first annual meeting of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held in Baltimore, April 7th to 14th, at St. John's Church. The annual conference of this denomination is of interest to the many members of the church, as at this time the different assignments of all the committees are rendered.

A large number of Uniformed Rank, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, accompanied by a delegation from Calantha Lodge, No. 23, of Wilmington, paid a visit to Damon Lodge, No. 12, of this town, Wednesday night and conferred the rank of Knight on a class of five in the local organization. A substantial set-out was tendered the visitors in Red Men's Hall in the Town Hall after the conferring of the rank.

The committee on speakers for "Drawyer's Day," June 6th, has received an acceptance of their invitation from the Rev. Francis Brown, Ph. D., D. D., Litt. D., L. L. D., President of Union Theological Seminary, New York, to preach the sermon at the reunion services. The community will be especially favored in having an opportunity of hearing such a distinguished educator and preacher. Mr. John Percy Nields, United States district attorney will be the speaker of the afternoon.

By being hurried to Wilmington and taken to the Delaware Hospital Miss Annie Mooney, who has been employed at the Middletown Hotel for many years, was saved from death Wednesday. She started to bleed at the nose in the morning but she paid no attention to it. Later in the day as the flow continued she became frightened and was then taken to Wilmington. The bleeding continned and it was with difficulty that it was stopped at the hospital. The woman was very weak Wednesday night from the loss of blood, but her numerous friends here hope for her speedy recovery.

The St. Georges Hundred Sunday School Association will hold its Annual Convention in the St. Pauls' M. E. Church, Odessa, Wednesday, April 7th. The Hundred Secretary, Miss Edna Ewell, of Odessa, is now arranging for the Convention, and the full programme will be published in a few days. Plans are being made so that both the afternoon and evening sessions will be profitable and inspiring to all Sunday School workers and of interest to all that attend. Excellent addresses, special music with Miss Gunkle as soloist are promised, and the hearty interest of all the Sunday Schools of our Hundred are earnestly requested for the coming convention.

FOR RENT — Desirable unfurnished room, apply to the house recently occupied by Mrs. Webb.

In this issue of THE TRANSCRIPT, Mr. A. Fogel has a large ad. announcing his Spring and Summer Opening of millinery, suits and dresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30th and 31st, in his show room, where he will exhibit one of the finest and largest assortment of trimmed hats than any milliner has ever attempted in this town.

More than thirteen million pieces of mail matter were sent to the Dead Letter office last year, principally because of carelessness in writing the addresses. If these thirteen million pieces had been sent in packages having the address of the writer on them, they would have been returned to the writer instead of going to the Dead Letter office. Whether you live on a farm or in town you should have printed letter or note heads and envelopes. This printing is done quickly and cheaply at THE TRANSCRIPT office, and several farmers have given us orders this week.

Muskrats or "marsh rabbits" which are clamored for as a peculiarly nourishing delicacy by the natives here during the mid-winter and early Spring season, and are worth ten cents for their carcass and forty for hides, will now be protected in this state. The months of December, January, February and until March 26 will be the open season for trapping or shooting the little animals, said to be the cleanest animal in christendom next to the beaver. The law will protect them all the other months in the year, except, where they are destroying a mill-dam or river bank or about to do so. The Senate has passed the House bill providing this protection.

The meeting of the New Century Club last Tuesday afternoon was especially pleasant. After the business meeting was concluded, Mrs. Clara Brady Green read a very interesting paper on "Venice—The Goddess of the Sea." This was followed by an article on "Venice," by Miss Maria Nowland, from the Bay View magazine. Several of the members who are trying to earn money toward the new Club House, had cake and candy on sale. Mr. William E. Wright will lecture before the Club next Tuesday. His subject will be "A Few Contrasted Ideals of Shakespeare." The lecture will be illustrated by readings from Julius Cæsar. This lecture will no doubt be especially profitable and it is hoped all club members will endeavor to be present at half past two.

Mr. Joseph C. Parker completed on Thursday his twenty-fifth year as a manufacturer of harness in Middletown, having moved here from St. Georges March 25th, 1884. Mr. Parker's first place of business was where Mr. J. H. Emerson is now located; after being there five years, he moved to where the *Transcript* is and two years afterwards he moved to where D. H. Rees' feed store is on Main street, and five years afterward rented one half of the Comegys building. In the course of a few years, he took the other side, thereby using the entire building. In 1900 he built the commodious factory on Green street where they are now located. The amount of business Mr. Parker did in Middletown the first year was about $2,500, the last year $150,000, and they are now planning to further increase that, having already sold considerable of their treasurer stock for that purpose. Their company was recently examined by The United States Audit Co., and they have published a little book setting forth their financial standing and anyone that could be interested with the view of purchasing some of their preferred stock, the book would be cheerfully sent to them. They have paid nineteen semi-annual dividends since they were incorporated and have accumulated quite a reserve or surplus fund.

OBITUARY

MISS EUNICE JEFFERSON

Miss Eunice Jefferson died at her home on Green street on Monday morning, after a short illness of grip. She had been somewhat of an invalid for years, but was not considered worse until last Thursday. Miss Jefferson was a daughter of Mr. Purnal Jefferson and spent most of her early life on the Jefferson farm near McDonough. Her mother was a Miss Walraven of Maryland. Of the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson, but two are now living, Purnal Jefferson of Chestertown, Md., and Miss Elizabeth Jefferson with whom Miss Eunice always made her home.

The funeral services were held at her late home on Wednesday afternoon at half past one o'clock, and were in charge of Rev. F. H. Moore of Forest Presbyterian Church, of which Miss Jefferson had for years been a devoted and consistent member. Dr. Moore was assisted by Rev. W. H. Hutchin. Interment was made in the family burying lot in Old Drawyers Cemetery, near Odessa.

GRANGE NEWS

At the evening meeting of Peach Blossom Grange, March 19th, in McWhorters Hall, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Delaware College Experimental farm is in need of funds for buildings and other important additions to the farm, and a bill has now passed the House of Representatives of our Delaware Legislature appropriating said funds, therefore be it

Resolved, That Peach Blossom Grange urge our Senators to use all lawful means to further advance and note for said measure now before the Honorable Senate, appropriating said funds for said Experimental Farm.

Resolved, That Peach Blossom Grange respectfully ask the Senator from this district to support the Live Stock Sanitary bill now before the Senate,

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our ranks Brother Henry D. Roberts and,

WHEREAS, He will be missed in home and Grange circles, therefore be it

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the loss of our brother and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and his many friends in their bereavement and be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the local papers, a copy sent to his family and that they be spread upon the minutes of the Grange.

H. B. MCDOWELL,
R. L. PRICE,
JOHN PIPER,
Committee.

PERSONALITIES.

George D Kelley, Jr., of Newark, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Bernice D. Metten is spending the week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Mildred Spurgeon entertained friends from Philadelphia over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Allen and children, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. T. Gilpin Massey, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. Emlin Massey.

Mrs. N. M. Browne, of Wilmington, spent part of this week with Mrs. M. B. Burris.

Miss Lillie Aspril, of Wilmington, spent this week with her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Jefferson.

Mrs. J. C. Staats, of Fairlee, Md., has been visiting her sisters, Misses Mary and Emma Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Comegys and little child, of Philadelphia, visited his parents here this week.

Miss Emma Carpenter, of West Chester, is spending a ten days' vacation with her parents near town.

Misses Lidie and Mary McCrone, of West Chester State Normal School, are spending the week with their parents, near McDonough.

Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain has returned home, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John B. Cooke, in Philadelphia.

Misses Leanora Davis, Lena King, Elsie Boulden and Bertha Jones will take the teacher's examination to-day in Wilmington.

Mrs. S. E. Houston and daughter left this week for Baltimore, Md., where they will spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Naudain.

Miss Nellie Janvier, of Pelham Manor School, Long Island, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Janvier.

Miss Virginia E. Jones, of New York City, spent several days during the past week with her mother, Mrs. H. M. Jones.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE

The forty-sixth session of the Delaware Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (which is composed of about 160 colored ministers) closed its sessions at 6 P. M. Monday. The Conference was held at Cambridge, Md., presided over by Bishop H. W. Warren, it is claimed to have been one of the most pleasant during its 45 years of organization. Nothing of an unpleasant nature occurred during the entire conference, while on the other hand six persons professed saving faith in Christ.

The Sunday services were as follows: 9 A. M., Love-feast; 10 A. M., Ordination Services; 11 A. M., Sermon by Bishop Warren; 3 P. M., Sermon by Rev. Dr. C. A. Tindley, of Philadelphia; 6.30 to 7.30 P. M., Anniversary of the Conference Epworth League, and at 8 P. M., Anniversary of the Board of Sunday Schools and the Board of Education, Rev. Dr. Edgar Blake and Rev. Dr. John H. Race, President of the University of Chattanooga were the speakers, while Rev. J. U. King, Ph. B., of Middletown, presided. Among some of the important work was the appointing of the Rev. J. E. A. Johns, of Ezion Church, Wilmington, as district superintendent of the Centreville District, he being succeeded at the Wilmington Church by Rev. N. W. Moore, whose time as district superintendent expired this year. Rev. J. U. King was re-appointed President of the Epworth League.

The appointments of the Wilmington District follows:

W. F. Cotton, District Superintendent.
Barclay—A. W. Lowber.
Catlin—W. T. Spellman.
Cheswold—S. Hammond.
Coleman—W. E. Waters.
Crumpton—C. O. Waters.
Delaware City—T. B. H. Coleman.
Dover—E. H. Webb.
Dover Circuit—S. W. Waters.
Galena—J. W. Jefferson.
Marydel—W. H. Turner.
Middletown—J. U. King.
Millington—A. J. Wallace.
New Castle—M. W. Clark.
Odessa—O. P. Dickerson.
Port Deposit—W. E. Hilton.
Sassafras—J. M. Whittington.
Smyrna—W. H. Johns.
Still Pond—F. T. Johnson.
Townsend—P. W. Price.
Wilmington
Ezion—N. W. Moore.
Hanson—E. O. Parker.
Mt. Joy—W. J. L. Hughes.
W. C. Jason, President Delaware State College, member Dover Quarterly Conference.

WILSON-DYBALL WEDDING

Miss Catherine Dyball of Collingdale, Pa., and Mr. Frank A. Wilson of Sassafras, Md., were married last Thursday evening March 18th at 8 o'clock, at the bride's home, 802 Chestnut street, Collingdale, by the Rev. Thomas A. Armour of Clifton Heights. The bride was given away by her brother in-law, Mr. Harry Ardis. Her sister, Miss Hallie Dyball, acted as bridesmaid and Harry J. Miller was the groom's best man. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served, and the young couple were the recipients of hearty congratulations from all present. They left for their home near Mt. Pleasant, Del., where the groom is engaged in farming.

LETTER TO J. B. MESSICK

Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir: Here's the gist of the paint question:

1st. Every job painted Devoe takes less gallons than of any other paint.

2nd. The paint that takes least gallons wears longest; Always. We can't help it.

Yours truly

74 F W DEVOE & CO

P. S.—J. F. McWhorter & Son sell our paint.

Curse Blood, Skin Diseases, Cancer Greatest Blood Purifier Free

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists or by express $1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

ODESSA

Mr. B. Sacks spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Moody Stevens spent last Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Mary Massey spent last Sunday with friends in Lepsic.

Mr. Z. T. Atherly has accepted a position in Claymont.

Mrs. H. Wilson spent a few days this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Herman Kumple spent one day this week in Wilmington.

Mrs. John Kielkopf is spending this week with relatives in New Castle.

Mrs. Colen Ferguson, of Blackbird, spent Wednesday with Miss M. Doughten.

Mr. C. E. Rose and family have returned home, after spending sometime in New Jersey.

Miss Alice McCoy has returned home, after spending sometime with friends in Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corbit have returned home, after spending sometime in Wilmington.

Miss Lulu Vinyard, of Middletown, spent last Sunday with her aunt, Miss Martha Evans.

Miss Florence Atherley, of Claymont, spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Atherley.

DOVER METHODISTS OBJECT

With remarkable unanimity, the official board of Wesley Church, Dover, has decided to keep both church and parsonage locked against Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, the young minister appointed Monday by the Wilmington Conference. The vote was 18 to 3, Messrs. Haman, Moore, (A. B.) and Salisbury voting to receive. Professor Wesley Webb, a special committee commissioned by the board at a full meeting, notified Mr. Hoffecker that under no consideration would he be allowed to enter the parsonage or the church except as an attendant or worshipper in the congregation, and at no time would he be considered or received as the pastor of the church. Mr. Hoffecker doubtless knew in advance of the turn affairs would take, and the conference is said to have known, as they have selected a man who owns a farm and is therefore not without means of support. The conference, it is claimed, will also have to allow him a salary similar to that of a supernumery, if the contest goes against him. In "holding the fort", the Wesley officials are not doing so solely because of resentment of the treatment of their pastor, Dr. A. W. Lightbourne, who was turned out of conference because of an alleged spurious credential, although all the ministers knew him for years as a minister in both the Methodist and Congregational churches. But the officials are protesting against the condition of affairs in the Wilmington Conference, they say, the political machinery that has been built and the utter disregard for conditions in the appointment of ministers as is, they claim, shown by the appointments made at Milford Monday.

TOWNSEND

Mr. Roy Lockerman was in Dover on Tuesday.

Miss Laura Heavelow, of near town, is spending a few days in Newark.

Miss Beulah Buckson, of Blackbird, spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Lillian Hart.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Smyrna, is spending sometime with Thomas Wells and family,

Mrs. D. B. Jones, Mrs. N. Watts and Miss Anna Jones were in Smyrna on Monday.

Mrs. W. Harman Reynolds entertained over Sunday her mother and two children of Greensboro.

Miss Alice McCoy, of near Odessa, was the guest of Mrs. Winfield Lattomus on Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Emma and Mary Carpenter, of near Middletown, spent Saturday with their cousin, Miss Mary Money.

Miss Lena Baker, of Dover, returned home on Thursday last, after a few days' visit with W. Harman Reynolds and family.

Mr. Harry Hart, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with his father, Mr. George M. D. Hart, who has been ill, but is much improved at this writing.

Sunday being Mrs. Maggie Lee's birthday, she entertained her children and a few friends. A very pleasant time was spent by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morris and two children, Mr. Walter Lee and family, of near Smyrna; Mr. William Lee and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lee and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. John Atwell and Miss Lillian West of Townsend.

CECILTON

Mr. William Thornton spent Tuesday in Elkton.

Miss Janie Smith has been visiting her sister near Warwick.

Mr. Harry Budd, of Wilmington, spent a days with his parents, Mr. H. Budd and wife.

Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. J. P. McCoy.

Master Clayton Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Mr. Morgan Pierce, of near Elkton, spent several days with Mr. James T. Watts.

Alexander Jackson, of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with his friends here.

Mr. George Watts, of Townsend, spent a few days of this week with his brother, Mr. J. T. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, of near Massey, were the guests of Mrs. James P. McCoy, on Saturday.

The many friends of Rev. O. E. Jones are glad to have him among them for another conference year.

Mr. Albert Brown and wife, of near Earleville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown on Sunday.

Mr. Julian Jones, wife and daughter, of Kennedyville, were entertained on Sunday by Mr. Thomas P. Jones and wife.

Mr. L. B. Manlove, wife and daughter, of Warwick, were guests of their parents, Mr. S. P. Hoover and wife, on Sunday.

WARWICK

Mrs. Charles Cohen is confined to her room.

Sr. C. E. prayer meeting Sunday at 7.30 P. M.

Carrie Lockerman is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. W. J. B. Lofland was in Philadelphia on Thursday.

The condition of Graham Lockerman is critical at this writing.

Miss Lulu Russum is confined to her room with the la grippe.

Mrs. H. M. Eaton is the guest of her daughter near Wilmington.

Mrs. C. C. Price entertained Mrs. McDowell one day this week.

Mrs. W. H. Merritt entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Register on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt were the guests of Miss Ella M. Staats on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Cullom were entertained by Sassafras friends on Saturday.

Miss Josephine Garner who has been suffering with the la grippe is convalescing.

Mrs. L. B. Manlove was the guest of Mrs. Thomas Bolden, near Cecilton, on Friday.

Mr. Frank Padley who has had the la grippe for the past three weeks is convalescing.

Mr. John M Holden spent Sunday in Chester, Pa., the guest of his son, J. Harry.

Mr. D. W. Wilson spent Sunday with his mother, returning to Wilmington Sunday evening.

Mr. Edgar F. Bishop moved from the Meadows Farm to his new home on the Manor this week.

Mrs. John L Lattomus returned home on Thursday, after an extended visit with relatives in Smyrna.

Mrs. Robert Lipiscomb entertained Mrs. G. Dickerson and Miss Blanche Grason, of Wilmington, on Thursday.

Mr. Biddle Hossenger, of near Chestertown, was the guest of Mrs. J. R. H. Price, near town, on Wednesday.

The Rev. C. M. Cullom will preach a special sermon to the members of Washington camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. Sunday morning, March 28, at 10.30. Members of the order will meet at the camp at 10.15 o'clock.

Mrs. Rachel Pardee suddenly passed away last Monday evening at 10 o'clock after a brief illness. She was eighty-one years old and has resided with her daughter Mrs. Frank Padley, for several years. Services were held at the home of her daughter, near town, Thursday at noon; interment in Bethel County.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

John Clark is visiting Wilmington relatives.

Miss Anna Hevelow is visiting near Earleville.

Miss Mamie Jefferson has been visiting friends in Delaware.

Mrs. A. E. Beauchamp will have her millinery opening April 1 and 2.

Miss Eva Griffith was entertained by Wilmington friends last week.

Miss Mary Swing has returned from an extended visit in Philadelphia.

Harold Carter, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. W. McCoy.

Miss Elizabeth Swing was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Cooling over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Bowers spent from Friday until Monday with Miss Mary Foard.

Oliver Sheridan has rented the poultry farm from Mrs. E H. Banks, and will move his family there.

Misses Gladys Banks and Jennie Swing were entertained by the Misses Bryson Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Johnson, of Philadelphia, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, several days last week.

Miss Nan Simmons and Mr. Stanley Steele, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Groome Steele.

Postmaster W. B Coleman has been on the sick list the past week. Miss Anna Hevelow substituted at the postoffice.

Misses Sallie, Alice and Julia Woodall, of Georgetown, Md., were the guests of Mrs. James S. Hopper, on Friday.

A very pleasant party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy on Saturday evening. The guests included about fifty.

Misses Augusta Egee, Gladys Banks, Lula Bryson and Lelia Thornton, members of the graduating class, attended a reading in Elkton Friday afternoon, the subject being Shakespeare's play "As You Like It." The class was accompanied by Misses Cooper, Windle, Budd and Mrs. Calwell.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
MARCH 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1909.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundre

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
MARCH 20th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
MARCH 29th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
MARCH 26th, 1909,
From 1 to 3 P. M.

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JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

The Transcript, $1.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
To the Sheriff of New Castle County, Greeting:

Whereas, Ernest T. Kimberly by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Annie Kimberly.

[Seal]

We, Therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Annie Kimberly that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Ernest T. Kimberly according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and nine.

HERBERT L. RICE,
Issued March 24, 1909. Prothonotary.

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AUNT HETTY

BY W. R. ROSE

The man on the bed stirred uneasily. He was tired of the confinement, his pillow was hot, his shoulder ached, his tongue was parched. The room was dark, save for the golden seam of light which showed that the door was slightly ajar.

The man was impatient of restraint. He had always been free to go and come at his own sweet will. Now he was chained down by the bonds of physical weakness. He could scarcely lift the long white hand that lay upon the snowy counterpane. To raise his head was an act of heroic resolve. Even his eyes ached as he turned them toward the door.

He felt that he was badly treated. To be held down to a bed night and day, even as clean and wholesome a bed as this one, with its tall black posts and its snowy counterpane and glowing quilts, was a serious punishment. In the great city the men he knew were strolling to and fro, or lounging at the club windows, or going when and where they pleased—and he was here, bound and shackled in a quaint old cottage up in the New Hampshire hills.

He had found out that the world was not nearly so desirable a dwelling place as he had once thought it.

The darkness oppressed the man. He was in pain, his nerves were unstrung, he had developed a bad temper.

Suddenly a tremulous sound broke upon the stillness. The man grimaced.

It only needed that old box of rattles, he groaned, and closed his aching eyes.

Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle. faint and uncertain came the quavering tones. And presently they resolved themselves into a tune, and the tune was "Bounding Billows." There is a monotony about the antique air that should be soothing, or at least sleep-inducing, but when it is poked from a stubborn keyboard by uncertain fingers that seem to grope and hesitate, and when what passes for the musical instrument is ludicrously out of tune on certain notes and silent as to others, the piece loses all its soporific qualities. But it really was "Bounding Billows," there could be no doubt of that.

Three times the player drew forth this ancient melody, and then there was a little pause and with a queer, pattering accompaniment a thin soprano voice sang "Rock of Ages."

The man on the bed drew a long breath as he listened. There was no music in either voice or instrument, and yet the old hymn presently conjured up a scene of long ago—a boy beside his mother's knee; a white robed boy whose eyes were upturned while the mother bending toward him sang softly the dear old hymn.

Something suddenly clouded the man's vision.

He was lying very quiet now, the pain was forgotten, the tense hands were unclenched.

The singer thought him asleep when she softly entered the darkened room.

Hullo, he called to her, as she turned to go.

She was a small woman, thin and angular. Her face was slender and just a little wrinkled, and there were white threads here and there in the dark hair that was closely confined in a knob at the back. Her simple summer frock was of an intricate pattern that had mixed itself confusedly in the sick man's dreams, and there was a great silver brooch at her throat.

She came back swiftly when he called to her and looked at him smilingly.

Better?

Hungry.

That's encouraging. You shall have your supper in just a minute or two. Soon as the teakettle boils. Did my playing disturb you any?

Oh, no, he hastily answered.

I'm real glad it didn't, she said. I've got so in the habit of settin' down to my melodeon that the day don't really seem complete unless I play a tune or two. She came a little nearer and took the low rocking chair at the bedside. It gets a mite lonesome here sometimes—'though my niece Hetty is real good about running in every now and then—and I find the old melodeon lots of company. Let me see. She paused and her lips moved. Yes, I've had it now 'most thirty-seven years, and it ain't been tuned but once in all that time. Everyone that hears it says it's a wonderful instrument.

The man discreetly smiled.

And where did you get it? he asked.

I bought it from a man that came round selling them from a wagon. He charged me a hundred and eleven dollars for it. The price was a hundred and twenty, but there was a scratch along one side that you'd never notice, and he let me have it cheaper on that account. She softly laughed. Mebby the fact that I only had a hundred and eleven dollars had something to do with it, too. She paused and sighed. It took me all of nine years to save that much. It was mostly quiltin' money, with a little from nursing here and there. My, how that agent laughed when I shook it all out of the old yarn stocking where I'd put it for safe keeping! Folks said it was a dreadful extravagance, but I ain't regretted it. Of course I don't play—much, but I never get tired of the old tune, and besides. I'm teachin' my niece Hetty a little fingering now and then. I want her to have a musical education, you know, and she can't begin too young.

She suddenly arose. I'm so glad you're feeling better, she said. And now I must see after my tea. And she fluttered from the room.

Creston Gray locked after her with an amused smile. Her presence in some impalpable way seemed to cheer him.

He must be getting better. He lifted the white hand from the counterpane. He certainly was better. His appetite and his returning strength both testified to this.

It was two long weeks since he had looked up in the grizzled face of old Dr. Hamby and murmured, Are you quite sure you can handle this?

And old Dr. Hamby had wagged his good gray beard and gruffly answered, Nothing is sure in my profession, young man.

He was not a young man, this Creston Gray, capitalist and clubman. But he bore his nine-and-thirty years lightly. He was sound in lung and limb, and this had greatly aided his recovery.

Yet it was a grevious hurt.

He was hunting and his gun caught in the underbrush. He had given it a careless jerk, the deflected muzzle fell in line with his shoulder as the piece was discharged.

And here he was cooped up in a tiny New Hampshire farmhouse with no owner as his nurse and had a fortnight of pain and delirium behind him, and the prospect of two weeks of convalescence ahead.

They had brought him here when they found him, and there was no doubt he had fallen into the hands of Samaritans.

She will take the best of care of you, the old doctor had assured him. She ain't one of your diplomated and white capped disinfectant spillers. She's plain and she's old-fashioned, but if care and common sense can pull you through she'll do it. And you want me to keep right on with your case, do you?

Yes, doctor, Creston had feebly responded. I have confidence in you for one thing, and I don't want the news of my accident to reach New York. There is an invalid mother there, and the shock might—might hurt her. In my pocketbook you will learn who I am and what my town address is. You will use the address if you think it necessary. I leave it all in your hands. I know you—will—do—your—best.

His speech trailed off to a murmur, his eyes closed—the wound had opened afresh.

But the old doctor brought him back. Little by little he revived the dying flame, inch by inch he drew him away from the abyss. There were nights when the stranger's life hung by a thread that was frayed to the point of invisability, but the old doctor never faltered, never admitted possible defeat He knew the flickering breath was still there, the feeble heart was still responding That was enough!

It was a grand fight, and through it all the woman was ever at the doctor's side—watchful, quick to act, gentle, faithful.

And then one morning she met the old man at the door as he entered.

Doctor, she softly said, you've saved him.

His fine old face was darkened by a frown.

It's the nursing that saved him, he growled. But there, I'll compromise with you—we have saved him.

They stood together by the bedside, looking down on the wounded stranger.

Sleepin' fine, ain't he? the woman whispered.

The old doctor nodded.

He is going to get well. I wonder if he is worth all the trouble he's caused us?

The woman smiled. She knew the doctor's blunt ways.

You seemed to think he was worth saving when you was working over him, she softly said. You couldn't have done more for him if he had been your own son.

The doctor glowered at her.

My own son? he repeated. I couldn't have done half as much for my own son. I'd have thrown up my old hands in the very beginning and turned the case over to the best man who would take it. And then I'd have sat by the door and waited trembling.

The woman slowly nodded as if she understood.

I've never had a son, she softly sighed.

So Creston Gray presently came out of his long sleep and dimly realized that he had been wrenched from the grasp of the destroyer. Gruff of voice and tender of heart, rude in speech and gentle in touch, the old doctor he had trusted had fought again for a human life and again conquered.

You are just as much indebted to Aunt Hetty Hingston as you are to me, he told Creston when that interesting invalid had gathered sufficient strength to be propped up with pillows. She is a wonder in her little sphere. It's lucy we don't have much sickness around here, or they'd work poor Aunt Hetty to death. When it's a nursing case they all want Hetty. She's pulled a lot of people through where I've got the unearned credit. When Jim Landon cut himself with an ax and severed an artery, Aunt Hetty held the wound tightly closed for five hours before anybody passed by. Jim was a lazy vagabond, and it wouldn't have been a bad idea to let some more of his worthless blood drain out of him. But Aunt Hetty saved him—and she's done a big share toward saving you. She hasn't gagged you with thermometers, nor doped you with hypodermics, but she's been Hetty on-the-spot right through the whole fracas

How can I pay her for all this care, doctor? the invalid asked.

You can't. She asked me today if I thought $7 a week was too much to charge you. She said you had been fussing about the bill. I told her to make it $10, but she wouldn't do it. And you mustn't hurt her feelings by offering to pay her more than she asks you. But wait. She has a niece that's named for her, a niece of whom she is very fond. She wants this girl to have a musical education, and thinks she shows a taste for it. She's actually been giving her what she calls lessons.

The muffled wail of the old melodeon came to them through the partition. Aunt Hetty's slender hands were wandering over the yellow keys.

Lessons on that! he chuckled.

The eyes of the convalescent suddenly brightened.

Get out your notebook, doctor, he said. I want you to write another letter. The girl shall have her musical education, and there is something else I have in mind.

The doctor drew out his notebook and a stubby pencil.

Go ahead, he said. I'm willing to do anything for you that I can put into the bill.

The white face smiled up at him.

Doctor, said Creston, I consider you an old humbug. How many visits have you made me?

I refuse to have any dispute with you on this point, returned the old man. I've put it all down somewhere and you'll get the bill in due time. And don't flatter yourself I have been calling on you merely for exercise, or because your conversation is fascinating. Every call, sir, has been a professional one, as you will find when you see the sum total.

The invalid scowled up at him.

Don't make me laugh, doctor. It strains my neck. Here, I'll tell you what I'll do. You have been so busy visiting me—even coming when you were not invited—that I'm going to ask you to go to the city and be my guest for a week or two.

I can't get away, growled the doctor.

You'll have what is called the time of your life.

Can't think of it.

And you need the rest and change.

Nothing of the sort.

And I'll make you acquainted with John Templeton, who is a particular friend of mine.

Not John Howard Templeton, the surgeon?

The same. We'll see the town together.

The doctor hesitated.

I might get away for a day or two, he growled.

Of course you might. That's settled—even if the bill isn't.

The doctor's eyes twinkled.

I make no deductions for anticipated favors, he said.

Ten days later Creston Gray was pronounced well enough to travel. He was to eat his farewell dinner at the Hingston home and then the old doctor would drive him over to the station and see him aboard the night express for New York.

And right in the midst of the important dinner preparations, Tommy Wolf, from across the creek, youngest of nine Wolfs, previously coached by the doctor, came to the door and hurriedly told Aunt Hetty that his mother wanted to see her "'bout somethin' particklar" right away.

It was cannin', he guessed. A reason entirely of his own inventing that had a weak sound.

But gentle Aunt Hetty brought the bubbling and sizzling preparations into a quiescent state, and taking her sunbonnet from behind the door, trotted after Tommy.

The half hour she was quite sure to be gone was a busy one for the doctor and his man, Abner, and Tom Cooper, the expressman, and Creston Gray and dark-eyed Hetty Dawson, the favorite niece.

There was a wagon to be backed to the porch and something bulky to be unloaded.

But by diligent effort, in which everybody tried to help, it was all accomplished before Aunt Hetty had returned. The wagon had departed, and the three principal conspirators were standing about the sitting room, looking as unconcerned as possible.

Aunt Hetty glanced in at them presently.

Oh, here you are, she cried.

Her quick gaze roamed about the room.

Why, where—merciful Martha, what's that! And she dropped limply into the nearest chair.

The old melodeon had gone, and in its place stood a modern upright piano, its white keys gleaming, its polished case reflecting the old fashioned objects about it.

Aunt Hetty, said Creston Gray a little hurriedly, this is a gift to you from one who has learned to know your love for music. When the giver sent for it he had in mind the fact that this promising little woman here, and he laid his hand gently on the younger Hetty's curls, is to have a musical education, and he believed it would be wise to start her right—that is to say, with all the helpful adjuncts that modern art can offer.

He might, having caught the oratorical cadence, have said more, but a flood of tears from Aunt Hetty disconcerted him. She had turned her back and her apron covered her face. Creston stared at the doctor, and the doctor suddenly nodded. At which Creston quickly nodded back. And then, as if by a common impulse, they strode to the storeroom door and quickly emerged bearing the deposed melodeon.

And Aunt Hetty suddenly went to it and lovingly laid her arm across its dingy surface and looked at them through her tears.

That new piano is very, very beautiful, she half sobbed, and it's jest what niece Hetty needs—but I can't—I'm too old—we've been together too long—I can't give up my melodeon!

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SPRING SONG

Now winter sees his power wane,
And rising up betimes,
Departs with all his gloomy train,
For more congenial climes;
Throughout the reawakened land
A milder reign is sung,
And thus we clearly understand
That "gentle spring" has "sprung."

The streamlet breaks the icy hush
Wrought by the north wind keen,
And nature with artistic brush
Now paints the landscape green;
Upon the boughs the buds come out
Where late icicles clung,
Which goes to prove beyond a doubt
That "gentle spring" has "sprung."

The birds that vanished with the leaves
Now daily reappear,
And chirp and chatter round the eaves
Of summer's coming cheer,
While each nest-building conference
The blooming groves among
Affords conclusive evidence
That "gentle spring" has "sprung."

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of JOSEPH H. ENOS, IN ODESSA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th, 1909 From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M. AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th, 1909 From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. and at HIS RESIDENCE on Cass street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday, from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

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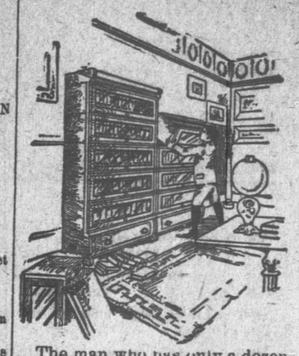
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